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SUBJECT: BUTHELEZI VISIT TO ETHIOPIA

REF: STATE 193127

1. ONLY FIRM INFORMATION TO DATE RE BUTHELEZI'S TRAVEL PLANS TO ETHIOPIA IS HIS STATEMENT TO PRESS THAT HE HOPED TO LEAVE SOUTH AFRICA ABOUT MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER AND RETURN BEFORE CHRISTMAS, STOPPING EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE ADDIS CONFERENCE IN LUSAKA, DAR-ES-SALAAM AND NAIROBI FOR MEETINGS WITH LEADERS OF THOSE COUNTRIES.

2. BUTHELEZI HAS TOLD ME HE UNDERSTANDS AAI MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM TO BE RECEIVED BY LEADERS OF THOSE THREE COUNTRIES AND THAT HIS TRAVEL PLANS WILL DEPEND ON SUCCESS OF AAI'S INITIATIVES. HE IS FLEXIBLE WITHIN LIMITS MENTIONED PARA ONE. ALTHOUGH HE LIGHTLY HINTED THAT HE MIGHT WELCOME USG ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS, I GAVE HIM NO ENCOURAGEMENT WHATSOEVER AND STRESSED THAT THIS WOULD BEST BE LEFT IN HANDS OF AAI.

3. IT SEEMS TO ME BEST THAT AAI TAKE INITIATIVE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS ASAP AND NOTIFY BUTHELEZI SO THAT HE CAN MAKE TRAVEL PLANS ACCORDINGLY.
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